

## Newport/Covington bridges

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Dear Bob and Mike,

In the light of the tragedy that occurred over the weekend that leaves Gloria San Miguel's daughter to grow up without her mom, we'd like to see two-way dedicated bicycle lanes added to the Fourth and 11th/12th Street Bridges. We can provide the water wall we have in storage to help create two-way bicycle lanes on the bridges. Using interim materials allow for the bicycle lanes to be tested and adjusted. It will not only keep cyclists safe, but the cycle tracks will also help calm auto traffic on the bridges.

The request for a bicycle lane on the Fourth Street Bridge is not new. As you may recall, on May 7, 2020, Tri-State Trails sent a letter requesting it, and we now feel even stronger with the death of Gloria.

On July 16, I led a group from the National Association of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) conference in Cincinnati on a tour of Covington and Newport. Crossing the 11th/12th Street Bridge from Covington to Newport was a harrowing experience, with the speed of the cars and drivers not making it easy for us to move to the middle lane to continue east. The bridge was where the group felt the most intimidated by drivers on our ride. On August 9, 2022, to better understand the utilization of the bridge, I applied for an encroachment permit to hang one of our StatTrak radar devices on the bridge.

As mentioned, our idea would be to create an interim two-way cycle track on each bridge. We'd welcome sitting down with you to hear your ideas and thoughts on how to provide safe options for cyclists to cross the Licking River before another tragedy occurs.

Respectfully,  
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